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Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, sixty-five wondrous years ago on October 3, 1942, Jerome Maasen took the hand of his beautiful bride, Rosella Periguey, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerome and Rosella Maasen have had the pleasure of raising five children, Mary Ruth Bakes, Catherine Wolters, Robert Maasen, Helen Kliethermes, and Rosemary Mantle, and the privilege of spoiling thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Jerome Maasen is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors with Montgomery Ward; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Rosella Maasen has further distinguished herself as a retired employee of the Missouri Department of Health; and

Whereas, Jerome and Rosella Maasen have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past six and one-half decades, a few of which include playing solitaire on the computer, watching the Cardinals baseball team, reading, and spending time in the great outdoors; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Maasen, residents of Jefferson City, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on October 6, 2007, at Villa Marie Nursing Facility:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jerome and Rosella Maasen for their tremendous success in achieving sixty-five years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Maasen, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_

Representative Tom Loehner District No. 112

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4861, adopted September 26, 2007.